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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KANAE ET AL.

Examiner

HENRY N TRAN

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 August 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office action is in response to the applicants' Request For Reconsideration and the Certified Translation received 3/22/04 (Paper Nos. 23 and 24). The papers have been entered and overcome the rejections recited in the prior Office action. Applicants' arguments, see pages 1-3 of the Request For Reconsideration, with respect to the rejections of claims 1-8 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Albert et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,252,564) and Kinlen (U.S. Patent No. 5,840,214) as follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Albert et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,252,564, hereinafter referred to as "Albert").

Albert teaches an electrophoretic display device 40 comprising: a transparent electrode conductive film 44; an adhesive resin layer 48; a thin microcapsule layer 46, which is sandwiched between the conductive film and the resin layer, having a plurality of microcapsules 50 and a binder 52 affixing the plurality of microcapsules containing a liquid dispersion medium and electrophoretic particles, and in contact with both the conductive film and the resin layer, see

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Fig. 5A; and col. 12, lines 14-38. Albert also teaches that the adhesive resin layer 48 can be a polymeric layer including a polyaniline and its derivatives. However, Albert does not teach expressly that: (i) the resin layer including at least a urethane resin whose molecular weight is between 5000 to 2,000,000; and (ii) the resin layer, which includes a resin selected from the group consisting of acryl-based resin and olefin-based resin, and formed in a thickness of 20 to 200 μ m. Kinlen teaches the use of a thin film of polyaniline resin layer including at least one of a urethane based resin, acryl-based resin and olefin-based resin, whose molecular weight is at least about 4000 or greater, see col. 5, lines 38-43, col. 7, line 23 to col. 8, line 15. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the polyaniline film as taught by Kinlen in the Albert device because this would provide a high conductive coating, which would provide the enhanced functionality and quality of an electrophoretic display device. By this rationale, claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are rejected.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5, 7 and 8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HENRY N. TRAN whose telephone number is 703-308-8410. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon – Fri from 8:00AM – 4:30PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RICHARD A. HJERPE, can be reached at 703-305-4709.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is 703-306-0377.

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Examiner
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